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From: Judge Advocate General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps

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Subj: Death of President John F. Kennedy

Encl: (1) Two copies of PVT Martin D. SCHRAND, 1639694, USMC investigation

1. Mr. J. Lee Rankin, Counsel for the President's Commission inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, has requested that certain information be developed by the Department of the Navy.

2. Information elicited from witnesses before the Commission has created a rumor to the effect that Lee H. OSWALD, a former Marine, could be implicated in the death of Private Martin D. SCHRAND, 1639694, U. S. Marine Corps, on 5 January 1958, at Cubi Point. The rumor stems from testimony given by Richard CALL and Donald CARNARATA, former members of the U. S. Marine Corps.

3. In an effort to cooperate with the Commission to the fullest extent, it is suggested that the following action be taken:

a. Locate and interview Richard CALL and Donald CARNARATA with a view toward determining, (1) the basis or foundation of the rumor that OSWALD may have had something to do with the death of Private Martin D. SCHRAND, on 5 January 1958, and, (2) the exact whereabouts of OSWALD at the time of SCHRAND's death.

b. Conduct a test of a Winchester Model 12 Riot Type shotgun - - the model in SCHRAND's possession at the time of his death - - in an attempt to determine if it is possible to discharge the gun by jarring or dropping the gun on the receiver section with the safety in an "off safe" position. The test conducted in the investigation was performed with the safety on the safe position although the gun was discovered with the safety device not on safe.

c. Interview Clark Bertrand WALBRIDGE, Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy (RET), 3713 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, formerly the Naval Air Station Security Officer, Cubi Point. It is suggested that Lieutenant Commander WALBRIDGE be permitted to examine a copy of

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the SCHRAND investigation and asked whether he considered the possibility of the shotgun having been discharged by a jar on the receiver section while the safety was in an "off safe" position. By considering such a possibility would this change his opinion of how the shooting took place. Also he should be apprised of the rumor hereinbefore mentioned and asked whether he can determine the basis for it and whether he can furnish any additional information not disclosed in the record that would throw light on the investigation.

4. It is requested that a report of the information developed be forwarded to the Judge Advocate General as soon as practicable.

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